IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.447 OF 2006
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.421 OF 2006

Smt.Sharda Natwarlal Soni ...Applicant.

Versus

State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.M.S.Mohite with Prakash Naik, Advocates for the Applicant.
Mr.V.B.Konde-Deshmukh, APP, for the State.

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CORAM : D.G.DESHPANDE AND
SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI, JJ.

DATED : APRIL 27, 2006.

ORAL ORDER (PER Smt.TAHILRAMANI,J.)

. Heard Mr.Mohite learned Advocate for the applicant and Mr.Konde-Deshmukh learned APP for the State.

2. Leave to amend. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

3. The applicant has been convicted mainly under Section 302 read with 120-B of IPC. The applicant is now seeking bail.

4. Mr.Mohite learned Advocate for the applicant has stated that the applicant is a lady and she is 63 years of age. Mr.Mohite has further stated that on the very date that the judgment and order of conviction came to be pronounced, Geeta Soni, who is daughter of the applicant and co-accused in the present case, committed suicide by jumping down from the Sessions Court premises.

5. As far as the merits of the case is concerned, Mr.Mohite stated that it is not the case of the prosecution that the applicant had herself murdered the deceased or was one of the persons who actually caused his death. There is no recovery at the instance of the applicant. Mr.Mohite further stated that the applicant was on bail during the trial and she has not misused the

liberty granted to her. All these statements were not controverted by the prosecution.

6. Looking to the above facts and specially the fact that the applicant is a lady and her age, we are inclined to grant bail to her.

7. The applicant be released on bail in the sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rs.Twenty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties to make-up the said amount. The applicant shall report to the concerned Police Station as and when required, till the disposal of her Appeal.

8. Application is disposed of.

(D.G.DESHPANDE, J.)

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)